

**YOUTH COURT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
PRACTICE DIRECTION No. 2 of 2019  
CARE AND PROTECTION JURISDICTION**

**Right of Interested Persons to be Heard in Care and Protection Proceedings**

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Youth Court (General) Rules 2016, Judge Penelope Eldridge hereby issues the following Practice Direction regarding the care and protection jurisdiction of the Youth Court.

1. This Practice Direction is to be read, interpreted and applied in conjunction with the existing Rules, Practice Directions and practices of the Youth Court.
2. Section 66 of the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017* provides that an interested person (as defined in the section) may apply to the Youth Court to make submissions in respect of a child or young person the subject of care and protection proceedings, despite not being a party to the proceedings.
3. At a hearing other than a trial, an interested person may make submissions to the Court in the following manner:
  - a. Providing written submissions via email or letter directed to the Youth Court Registry;
  - b. Making a written request to make oral submissions at the hearing via email directed to the Youth Court Registry; or
  - c. Attending at the hearing and requesting to make oral submissions
4. An interested person may apply to make submissions at a care and protection trial by completing and lodging the relevant care and protection form at the Youth Court Registry. A sealed copy of the form must be served on all parties to the application no later than two (2) business days before the date of the trial in accordance with the *Youth Court (Care and Protection) Rules 2018*.

DATED 31st July 2019



Penelope Eldridge  
Judge of the Youth Court